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(SBU) On May 9, poloff delivered Ref A points encouraging nations to resist the loss of any Item 9 country-specific mandates to Jang Hyun-cheol, MOFAT's Human Right and Social Affairs Division Deputy Director. Jang said that Seoul shared the U.S. view and wanted to maintain all the existing Special Rapporteur mandates, even though that this would be difficult in the face of opposition from Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries. Aware of the rumored deal to eliminate mandates on Cuba and Belarus, he said the ROKG, like the USG, did not favor the proposal. He reiterated that Seoul also opposed Belarus's bid for a UNHCR seat due to its human rights violations (Ref B).
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